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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015
(Item 3 (b))

Programme 11
Environment

1. At its 11th meeting, on 11 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 11, Environment, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 11))

2. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of it.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme. The view was expressed that the programme was one of the most challenging and of the highest priority.

4. Several queries were raised on the role and capacity of UNEP in various areas, including disasters and conflicts, coasts and marine systems, chemicals and waste, and the promotion of biodiversity.

5. Concern was expressed about the usage of terms and concepts such as "green economy", "product life cycle" and "ecosystem management", regarding which consensus was lacking among Member States. The view was also expressed that the

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title of subprogramme 2, "Disasters and conflicts", could possibly give rise to confusion.

6. Concerns were raised about discussions on the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 being conducted prior to the adoption of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012. The view was expressed that the discussions should take into consideration the outcome emanating from the Conference.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee took note of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 and, in the light of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June 2012, recommended that the General Assembly ensure that the programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under the Environment section fully reflect the outcome of the Conference.**